

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Electricity Market Design and Structure

Docket No. RM01-12-000

NOTICE REGARDING REQUESTS FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

(April 26, 2002)

On April 10, 2002, The Commission issued a Notice of Options Paper for Resolving Rate and Transition Issues in Standardized Transmission Service and Wholesale Electric Market Design (Notice) in the above-docketed proceeding and set the deadline for May 1, 2002, for interested parties to file comments. On April 17, and 18, 2002, the Commission received three motions for an extension of time to file comments in response to the Commission's Notice. A motion and an answer in support of the Motions were filed on April 24, 2002. The motions request an extension of time for the filing of comments to and including May 31, 2002.

The Commission is developing a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR) in this docket, with the intent of issuing the NOPR this summer. The public comments requested in the Notice of Options Paper are meant to assist the Commission in developing the NOPR within that time frame. Extending the deadline to file comments may frustrate the Commission's ability to proceed with this matter at a steady pace for the purpose of providing necessary guidance in the area of electricity market design and structure. If interested persons are unable to meet the May 1, 2002 deadline, we encourage them to file their comments as soon as possible so that they may be considered in the development of the NOPR.

We emphasize that this is currently a pre-NOPR stage of the process. There will be further opportunities for interested persons to file comments on all issues after the NOPR is issued.

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Secretary